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SUBJECT: DUTCH PRESS REACTION (MORNING PAPERS JANUARY 29)
ON CIVIL AIR TALKS IN THE HAGUE

I. TONE OF DUTCH PRESS CONTINUES PESSIMISTIC AND DISGRUNTLED
WITH ONLY BRIGHT SPOT THE ASSUMPTION (SEE BELOW) THAT U.S.
WILL NOT UNDERTAKE UNILATERAL MEASURES AGAINST KLM UNTIL
KISSINGER AND VAN DER STOEL HAVE TALKED AGAIN.

II. FROM THE PAPERS:

1. "VOLKSKRANT" CATHOLIC LABOR:

"THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT HAS ANYWAY THE ASSURANCE
THAT UNILATERAL MEASURES AGAINST KLM WILL NOT BE PUT INTO
PRACTICE BEFORE TALKS BETWEEN KISSINGER AND VAN DER
STOEL. IT WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE SEEN WHETHER AT THAT
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TOP POLITICAL LEVEL THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO

ACCEPT THE DISTURBING OF THE POLITICAL CLIMATE BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES IN EXCHANGE FOR A SOMEWHAT IMPROVED COMPETITIVE POSITION FOR THE PANAM."

2. "TELEGRAAF" INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE (LARGEST CIRCULATION)

"THE US CIVIL AIR TALKS DELEGATION SHOWED YESTERDAY ALSO A COMPLETE LACK OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE INTERESTS OF KLM. WESTERTERP EXPECTS THAT THE TALKS WILL BE BROKEN OFF TODAY WITHOUT AGREEMENT. HE SAYS THAT THE US DELEGATION HAS TOO LITTLE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT TO MAKE CONCESSIONS DIVIATING FROM WASHINGTON'S VIEWPOINT. WESTERTERP IS BITTER ABOUT THE CONTACT POSSIBILITIES BETWEEN HOLLAND AND THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, SWITZERLAND AND BELGIUM, WHERE THE US HAS RECENTLY MADE SIMILAR DEMANDS. HE SAYS THAT THERE IS LITTLE WILLINGNESS FOR A COMMON POLICY, FOR EACH COUNTRY SEEMS TO FEEL THAT IT WILL DO BETTER RUNNING ITS OWN POLICY."

3. "NRC HANDELSBLAD" LIBERAL INDEPENDENT
TWO WESTERTERP QUOTES:

"PROTECTIONISM IS A VERY CONTAGIOUS AILMENT. THE SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES ARE FOLLOWING THESE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREAT INTEREST IN ORDER TO DO IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND, LIMITING THE AMERICAN TRAFFIC."

"THE AMERICANS MAINTAIN THAT A PASSENGER WHO INTERRUPTS HIS TRIP VIA SCHIPHOL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SPENDING A DAY IN AMSTERDAM IS ALSO A TRANSIT PASSENGER. WE TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH THIS..."

4. "ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD" INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE
"WESTERTERP: DEMANDS ON KLM GO TOO FAR"
MINISTER WESTERTERP OF THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY CAME TO THAT CONCLUSION YESTERDAY AFTER THE SECOND DAY OF THE CIVIL AIR TALKS. ACCORDING TO WESTERTERP FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER SHOULD STILL MEET BEFORE ANY AMERICAN REDUCTION OF KLM FLIGHTS. THIS WAS AGREED UPON IN DECEMBER IN BRUSSELS, ACCORDING TO WESTERTERP.

5. "HET PAROOL" LEFT INDEPENDENT
HEADLINE: "LITTLE CHANCE OF ACCORD WITH US ON KLM"
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PAPER SAYS MINISTER WESTERTERP WARNED US DELEGATION THAT UNILATERAL AMERICAN STEPS AGAINST KLM WOULD HAVE AN UNDESIRABLE INFLUENCE ON THE POLITICAL CLIMATE BETWEEN THE US AND THE NETHERLANDS.

CAPTION ON ACCOMPANYING CARTOON FROM 1937 DUTCH NEWSPAPER SAYS "NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN. CARTOON IS FROM MAY 8, 1937 WHEN KLM AND KNILM WERE REFUSED PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH SERVICE BETWEEN MANILA AND THE U.S."

CARTOON SHOWS UNCLE SAME AND JOHN BULL SITTING ON ONE SIDE
OF WALL WITH MODEL AIRPLANES MARKED "IMPERIAL AIRWAYS"
AND "PANAM" WITH PLACARD 'LONG LIVE FREE TRAFFIC AND
FREE TRADE--BUT WE PREFER TO SPLIT THE CAKE BETWEEN US'.
DUTCHMAN HOLDING MODEL MARKED "DUTCH AIRWAYS" WATCHES
WISTFULLY FROM OTHER SIDE OF WALL.
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